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coast of Da-homey by French naval forces and the

destruction of interior Dahomeyan towns by French naval brigades had an interested reader in Capt. Frank C. Bonneau, of Charleston, the famous confederate blockade-runner of the last war, who in 1858, on the Dahomeyan coast, escaped capture by the merest accident.

In 1858 Bonneau, having completed a cruise in the United States navy as sec-retary to Commodore Ingraham, and being desirous of some active work, obtained the command of a handsome brig, the Jehosse of Charleston, S. C., and under instructions from the brig's owners made a run for the African coast. Trade was brisk on the African coast in those days—so brisk, in fact, that all the principal powers kept warships on the station looking out for just such craft as Bonneau commanded. Bonneau's account of his experigiven as told by him to the Times correspondent.
"It was in 1858," said Bonneau,

"while lying with the Jehosse at Cape Coast Castle, that I formed the idea of running down for a look at the southwest coast, as that part of Africa known as Dahomey is styled. I was worried about approaching Porto Novo, the place the French have just bombarded, because of the warlike tribes that infested the whole country in and around that port. I was told that re-peated efforts had been made to estab-lish a palm oil station at Porto Novo, but that Iuaco Dua, the head tribesman of the country, had prohibited all na-tions from even making a landing. This Iuaco Dua, I was informed, was the most bloodthirsty savage on the coast. It had long been his practice annually to celebrate his "Yam Feast" by an inauguration of the most horrible and bloody tragedies in honor of the occasion. His throne was built upon the skulls of hundreds of prisoners, all murdered in his presence and dispatched in a cruel and fiendish manner known so well to the brute.

"Despite the stories I heard of the Dahomeyans I determined to run down their coast, and so one hot morning about ten o'clock I was standing in on the starboard tack with Porto Novo close aboard. The coast in the vicinity was rough and high, broken here and there by deep ravines and marked along its entire stretch by high crags, in the interior high mountain ranges could be seen stretching for away to could be seen stretching far away to the southward and eastward. The wind at the time I was standing in was extremely light. I made a grave mistake in approaching a suspicious coast under such conditions. It would have been wiser had I waited for a strong sea breeze which regularly sprang up later in the day, coming always from the sout hwest.

"As I continued to head in on the starboard tack I shortly made out ahead three canoes putting out from the land, each canoe containing twelve or thirteen men. Fearing nothing from these few craft, I allowed them to approach the brig's side and began to question them about the country. had an interpreter aboard whom I secured before making the present cruise.

"While engaged in questioning the canoes alongside my attention was called by my people to several larger canoes seen to be approaching from the shore, each one containing no less than twenty-five men, and in one boat in particular appeared to be some offi-

"The first boats that had approached made no signs of a desire to board the brig, the fellows in the canoes apparently contented to keep close up to me gentlemen's clothes by the Devon process. 'Phone 229.

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The gentlemen's clothes by the for a look only. But now on the approach of the larger cances just observed the boats near by pulled right alongside, and without any further adolevery man that could climb over my real jumped on deals. The approach of the larger cancer just on the process of the process o rail jumped on deck. The manner in which these fellows landed themselves looked suspicious. I did not fancy it at all. No sooner had they planted their feet upon deck than they began asking as to what we had to sell and what we wished to buy, and then soon followed up their inquiries by demands for rum, and this they did without any attempt at asking for it.

"The sudden, suspicious actions of these black fellows caused me quietly to pass a word among my crew, and at the same time I saw to it that each man had his pistol and cutlass ready at hand. I at once ordered the brig's wheel put down, and passed the word to take stations for tacking ship. my great relief the former light breeze was now freshening. No sooner, hough, had I given the order to tack than there was a peculiar movement discernible on the part of those who had boarded me, and at the same time every canoe about the brig commenced pulling in alongside, their inmates catching hold of every available rope hanging over the side and swinging themselves up and on board.

"The brig at this time was under top-rallant sails. I gave the order to loose und set the royals and to hoist the lower staysail, for I found I had now ao less than sixty blacks on my decks, and nearly every one of the brutes had

managed to get on board while the orig was in stays.

"As I glanced forward at this asbulldog, one of the most ferocious brutes of his species, chained under the forecastle deck and now tugging with all his might at the chain which held him. If there was any one thing that bullang hated it was a black. The sight of one drove him into a rage little short

of frenzy. The blacks, I noticed, cast every now and then a quick look at the dog, and I observed that they kept well clear of him. I took all this in in a tlash, as I also saw that nothing thort of some stampede would save the brig and the lives of all her erew, and

that something had to be done quickly. "Just to show those on deck that I was not afraid I backed the headyards, for I had the brig under full control, and told them all that I merely wanted to keep the brig's head off shore. Having done this, I ordered up some cases of rum, and no sooner were the heads knocked in than I saw that pande-monium was about to reign supreme. Immediately they went at the rum, pouring it down their throats like water, and, in one instance, one man pouring the entire contents of a demijohn down the throat of one of his fellows. Once they got hold of rum they refused to talk trade of any kind, and their game became apparent, if it had not been before.

"At this stage one of my crew came aft with the word that the boats coming up were loaded with spears, and that it looked as if the spears were about to be passed on board. Without further ado, I myself took the wheel, telling the steward, who was close by, to stand by to relieve me, and gave the word to my men to fill away the head yards. The crowd on deck was by this time too much engrossed in getting drunk to notice my movement. twinkle I had the head sails drawing. In another moment the brig was keel-ing over under her canvas to the tune of an eight-knot breeze, and the boats alongside were at the same time cut adrift. I let the brig go off some three-or four points and ordered every man in the crew to be prepared to jump in with his pistol and cutlass. For by this time the yells of the inmates of the canoes we were leaving behind had attracted the attention of those on deck, and the latter were just beginning to realize their situation.

"I now turned the wheel over to the steward in order to have my hands free, for, as they felt and saw the brig fairly skimming over the water, fear and anger were at once depicted on their faces. Some drew knives, others vaguely looked about for the arms they expected, all of which latter had been capsized by the brig as she bore down on the cance containing them.

"I saw that the time to act had come, and, giving the word, one of the men forward turned loose the buildog. With one leap Bull seized the nearest black, who, as he felt the dog's teeth, gave one of the most unearthly piercing yells I ever heard. 'Go in, men!' I shouted to the crew, and my brave fellows, a mere handful, flung themselves, cutlass and pistol in hand, into the black mass. The yells of the man first seized by the dog started the en-tire crowd, and, as black after black went down before the cutlass strokes of my men, the yells, the slashing, the terrible blood-curdling scene was something horrible.

"At almost the first assault of the crew the blacks made a rush for me as I stood aft. As they came along I fired into the mass, and then cleared myself for a free use of the blade. As I did so the frenzy of the brutes seemed to reach its height, for man after man of them who was unbust express upon the them who was unhurt sprang upon the rail and leaped into the sea. In the distance far behind could be seen the outlines of the canoes still pulling toward the brig, and toward these canoes those who sprang overboard



BULL SEIZED THE NEAREST BLACK.

struck out. With the bulldog in the lead, we never stopped the work of the blade until the last brute had leaped over the side, and then we cleaned up the decks by helping what remained of the affair with a seatoss over the side.

"As the last remnants of our visitors were cleared off the decks I let the brig come up into the wind, just to see what they proposed doing now that we had shown fight, but there had evidently been too much scare—too much drowning and too many missing—to give them an appetite for further fight, for as the big canoes approached the scene, with the evident intention of picking up whom they could, the canoe men gave a great shout, and then, holding up for a moment their paddles and crossing them in pairs in a figure X shape, they let fall and slanted in for the beach.

"On the brig's deck everybody, including the dog, was ready for a further tussle, the latter, in particular, being by no means satisfied by the punishment he had inflicted. I think, though, that as we began to cool down all hands were glad of the end. We doubtless failed to afford those Dahomeyans the feast they had fully expected having off us that day, for, as I was afterward told by an English captain at Widdah, when relating to him our experience, we had a most lucky escape. As it was, a good dog, a fine crew, and a stiff breeze alone saved a smart American brig on that occasion from being lost occasion from being lost.

That the Frenchmen have at last taken the brutes in hand I am glad to see, and I wish them success. There is nothing I would like better than to be with them.'

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